THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No such specific data are collected by this Ministry.

(b) Under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, driving or attempting to drive with alcohol concentrationof 30 mg per 100 ml of blood is an offence. As per the information available in this Ministry, the limit prescribed in India under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is stricter than that in Canada, U.K. and many other European countries.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Amendment of Motor Vehicles Act is a continuous process. The Act is amended whenever such a requirement is felt.

Electronic registration system for vehicles

3068. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Motor Vehicles Rules have been amended on the 31st May, 2002 for implementation of the recommendations of an Apex Committee to introduce electronic registration system on single microprocessor chip smart card;

(b) whether it is a fact that the approved technology by the Apex Committee was a single microprocessor chip for retgistration certificates, driving licences and permit purposes;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have the authority to override the Central Government's recommendation and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules to introduce Vehicle Registration Certificates of their choice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The notification issued on 31.5.2002 defines Smart Card as a device capable of storing data and executing commands, which is a single chip microprocessor, mounted on a plastic card and